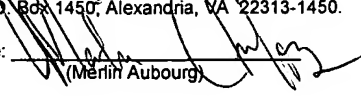


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Examiner:

In lieu of a response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, finally rejecting claims 16-20, Applicants have submitted concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination in order to enter a new claim.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: